

Welcome

to the Parishes of St. John XXIII and St. Richard

Reverend Robert T. Finlan, Pastor

Deacon Edward J. Girard

November 2, 2025

Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed



Church of St. John XXIII

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Office Hours

Monday-Thursday ~ 9:00AM-3:00PM

Parish Staff

Dale Bonenberger, Director of Music

Louise Howells, Cemetery Administrator

Lisa Frederick, Office Administrator

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Office Hours

Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday

9:00AM-2:00PM

Parish Staff

Deacon John A. Setlock, (Retired)

Teri Howerter, Office Administrator

Mary Soberick, Business Manager

Krissy Wonsock, Director of Religious Education

Catholic Schools

St. Jerome Regional School ~ 50 Meadow Avenue, Tamaqua PA ~ 570-668-2757 ~ Grades PreK-8

Marian Catholic High School ~ 166 Marian Avenue, Tamaqua PA ~ 570-467-3335 ~ Grades 9-12

St. Joseph's Center for Special Learning ~ 302 Randel Street, Schuylkill Haven PA ~ 570-622-4638 ~ Children & Adults

Sacrament of Baptism

Baptisms are usually celebrated on a Sunday afternoon. Parents need to be registered parishioners and attend a Baptismal Preparation Class. At least one Godparent must be a practicing Catholic and obtain a Certificate of Eligibility from their parish.

Sponsor Eligibility

Certificates of Eligibility for Baptism and Confirmation require the sponsor to be a registered and active member of the parish, and if married, in a valid marriage recognized by the Catholic Church. Please call the Parish Office for more information.

Sacrament of Marriage

Arrangements should be made at least six months prior to the proposed wedding date to begin pre-nuptial instructions before making any arrangements. Please call the parish office for more information and to schedule an appointment with the Pastor.

Parish Prayer List

To be placed on the Parish Prayer List or to be removed when appropriate, please call either Parish Office and someone will be happy to assist you. Names placed on the Prayer List are automatically removed after three months.

Diocesan Secretary for Office of Safe Environment

Pamela J. Russo, MSW, MS ~ P.O. Box F Allentown, PA 18105
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Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator

Ms. Wendy S. Krisak ~ 800-791-9209
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Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting Service

If you have an allegation of abuse against a bishop, please contact the Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting Service at www.ReportBishopAbuse.org or by calling 800-276-1562.

Saturday, November 1 8:00AM Mass: SR 2:45PM – 3:15PM Confessions: SJ 3:30PM Mass: SJ 5:00PM – 5:15PM Confessions: SR 5:30PM Mass: SR	All Saints (<i>not a Holy Day of Obligation this year</i>) Mass Intention: Deceased Diocesan Priests Vigil to The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed Mass Intention: John Longhi Mass Intention: All Souls Memorials
Sunday, November 2 8:30AM Mass: SJ 10:30AM Mass: SR	The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls) Mass Intention: All Souls Memorials (Bereavement Mass) Mass Intention: All Souls Memorials
Monday, November 3 7:00AM Mass: SR (<i>held at St. Richard Church</i>)	Weekday Mass Intention: Leona Marcovich
Tuesday, November 4 7:00AM Mass: SR (<i>held at St. Richard Church</i>) 8:30AM Eucharistic Adoration/Benediction: SJ	St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop Mass Intention: Eternal Remembrance Society
Wednesday, November 5 7:00AM Mass: SR (<i>No Eucharistic Adoration or Confession</i>)	Weekday Mass Intention: Joan H. Kaczmarczyk
Thursday, November 6 7:00 Mass: SR	Weekday Mass Intention: Brazinsky Family
Friday, November 7 <i>No Daily Mass at either church</i>	Weekday
Saturday, November 8 2:45PM – 3:15PM Confessions: SJ 3:30PM Mass: SJ 5:00PM – 5:15PM Confessions: SR 5:30PM Mass: SR	Vigil to The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica Mass Intention: Living and Deceased Parishioners of St. John XXIII and St. Richard parishes Mass Intention: Setlock and Falls Families
Sunday, November 9 8:30AM Mass: SJ 10:30AM Mass: SR	The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica Mass Intention: Bill Paslawsky Mass Intention: Leonard P. Hanlon

TODAY'S LITURGY OF THE WORD: The first reading reflects on the blessed fate of the souls of the just who, after death, are in the hand of God. Paul rejoices in the love of God evidenced in Christ's sacrifice for us, which he undertook while we were still sinners. In the Gospel Jesus tells the crowd that he will not reject anyone who comes to me. He says the will of the Father is that all who see and believe in his Son have eternal life. The loss of a loved one brings with it sorrow due to a deeply felt absence in our daily life. We mourn the separation, even when it was not unexpected. But the pain of our loss is tempered and eased by our hope and trust in the Lord, in his mercy, and in his promise to grant eternal life to those who believe in him. We cooperate with him by praying for those who have died and asking the Lord to bring them swiftly to himself.

TODAY'S RESPONSORIAL PSALM: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, NOV 9: Ez 47:1-2,8-9,12; Ps 46:2-3,5-6,8-9; 1 Cor 3:9c-11,16-17; Jn 2:13-22

<p style="text-align: center;">St. John XXIII</p> <p>The Order of Mass can be found starting on page 140 in the Journeysongs Hymnal.</p> <p>Because of today's Commemoration of All Souls/Bereavement Mass, we will be singing our funeral Mass setting which is the Mass for Christian Unity by Jan Vermulst. The music for this particular Mass setting is not in the Journeysongs hymnal.</p> <p>The prelude is Pie Jesu from "Requiem" by Gabriel Fauré (1845-1924) The postlude is Tibi Omnes from "Te Deum" by Hector Berlioz (1803-1869)</p> <p>The flowers by Mary are in honor of Andrew Jones and Teresa Johnson who were married in our church on Saturday. There are no altar flowers this weekend because of today's Commemoration of All Souls/Bereavement Mass.</p>
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PRAYER LIST FOR BOTH PARISHES

Please remember in your prayers...

David Rickert, Andrew Eremus, George Koval, Marci Bonner, Arabella & Magnolia (*infant twins*), Tracey Miller, Gregory Slivka / Alonzo Borja, Marlene Fatula, Roy Paisley, Marie Kalpinsky, Ellie Setlock, Chase Schaller, Kathy Sanchez, Quinn Derlunas, Sue Mannello, Dr. Walter Setlock, Christine Lawrence, Sean McGeehan, Donald Weaver / Magnolia Pavlovich

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them...

Joseph Thomas

DEVOTIONAL CANDLES

St. John XXIII Sanctuary Lamp

In Memory of Deceased Members of the
Grier and McGee Families

Crucifix Candle

In Memory of Paul Gerard Yacabowsky

St. Richard Blessed Virgin Mary

Prayer for Healing for Cathy Starousky

Sacred Heart

Special Intention

YOUTH FORMATION

Children's bulletins are available in Narthex/Vestibule

St. John XXIII RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2025-2026

*All students will meet in the upstairs classrooms
after the 8:30AM Mass until 11:00AM*

Sunday, November 2 – No Youth Formation

Sunday, November 9 – Circle of Grace
Grades 2, 3-6, 7 & 8

Sunday, November 16 – Sacramental Prep Grades 2, 7 & 8

Please contact Melissa Grimminger at 814-330-6819
should you have any questions.

St. Richard RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2025-2026

CCD/PREP CLASSES:

Grades 1-4; Sunday, November 2nd at 9:30AM
Grades 5-8; Sunday, November 9th at 9:00AM
Grades 1-4; Sunday, November 16th at 9:30AM
Grades 5-8; Sunday, November 23rd at 9:00AM
Sunday, November 30th – No Classes
Thanksgiving Weekend

*All classes are held in the Parish Hall unless noted.

Any questions, please contact
Krissy Wonsock at 732-687-0433

SCOUT MEETINGS / EVENTS

Cub Scouts – Start date to be announced
Meetings held every Sunday from 4:00PM until 6:00PM
in the St. Richard Parish Hall

ADULT FORMATION

Bible Study: Wednesday evenings from 4:00PM – 6:00PM in the St. Richard Cry Room. This is an open invitation to all from both St. Richard and St. John XXIII Parishes.

OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults), formerly called "Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)," is the process through which one becomes a full member of the Roman Catholic Church. Full membership in the Catholic Church involves a whole formation process, which includes the reception of the Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation, and the Most Holy Eucharist. For those who are already baptized and want to be received into the Catholic Church, please contact either Parish Office.

SECOND COLLECTIONS

Today's second collection is for 11/2 ~ All Souls / Parish Facility Fund

Upcoming collections are...

11/9 ~ Parish Utilities 11/16 ~ Stained-Glass Window Renovation: SR / Parish Cemeteries: SJ 11/23 ~ Poverty Relief

ST. JOHN XXIII AND ST. RICHARD NEWS AND UPDATES

This Week

Sunday	All Souls – regular Saturday/Sunday Mass schedule at both parishes
Wednesday	6:30PM St. John XXIII Fundraising Committee Meeting in the St. John XXIII Parish Hall
Thursday	6:00PM St. John XXIII Parish Choir Rehearsal in the balcony – new members are always welcome
Friday	4:00PM until 8:00PM – St. Jerome Regional School Basket Raffle – 50 Meadow Avenue, Tamaqua
Saturday	10:00AM until 4:00PM – St. Jerome Regional School Basket Raffle – Prizes are called starting at 4:00PM

Upcoming Events

November 9	Communion to the Homebound immediately after the 8:30AM Mass
November 13	7:00PM until 8:00PM – Holy Hour by the Knights of Columbus at St. John XXIII Church – All are invited
November 26	Catholic Charities Community Café Food Truck – noon until 1:30PM in the St. John XXIII parking lot
November 29	9:00AM until 11:00AM Advent Wreath Making in the St. John XXIII Parish Hall – More details on flyer

THANKSGIVING MEALS FOR THOSE IN NEED

The Schuylkill County Knights of Columbus will be delivering a complete turkey dinner to all residents of Schuylkill County who are in need of a meal this Thanksgiving Day. You must reserve your meal by November 20th. Please either call or email 570-773-0627 or 570-516-9514 or KofC431@yahoo.com Drivers are also needed to deliver the meals starting at 8:00AM.

CEMETERY CLEAN-UP THANK YOU

The Fall clean-up in all five parish cemeteries took place last week. We thank everyone who helped in any way. Items, including Christmas decorations, may be put on graves now.

BASKET RAFFLE AND BAKE SALE THANK YOU

Thank you to all the sponsors, those who donated prizes, baked goods, and food, all the volunteers who helped, and of course all those who supported us by attending the St. John XXIII Basket Raffle and Bake Sale. Our net profit was \$6,250.08 and the 50/50 winner was Pattie Radocha in the amount of \$220.00. There are still a few unclaimed prizes in the Parish Hall, any unclaimed prizes must be picked up by Sunday after Mass or they will be forfeited.

PUMPKINS, GOURDS, AND INDIAN CORN

The Fall Harvest display in front of the altar at St. John XXIII will be assembled tomorrow. Thank you to everyone who brought in pumpkins, gourds, and Indian corn. The display will be at the altar for the month of November.

OFFERTORY PROCESSION ANNOUNCEMENT

We need three people to present the offertory gifts at each weekend Mass; children are welcome to participate. The individual or family (the Mass donor) who requested the Mass intention obviously takes precedence, but often they are not available for the offertory procession. This is when we offer the honor of taking up the gifts to any parishioner present at Mass. If there is a date that you know you want to take up the gifts during the offertory procession, please call Joan Marie Roth at 570-599-9809 and leave your name, phone number, and the date of the Mass you request.

ST. JOHN XXIII CAFÉ IN THE PARISH HALL

Please join us in the Parish Hall immediately after Mass for cake and coffee.

COMMUNION

Communion will be brought to all those seated in the front pews of St. Richard Church as well as the handicap pews in the back of St. John XXIII Church and the balcony.

MAHANOEY AREA MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION

The Annual Thanksgiving Breakfast is Tuesday, November 25th at 9:00AM. This year it will be held at the St. Paul's First United Methodist Church, Mahanoy City. The donation is \$10 per person, and the deadline is Sunday, November 9th to purchase tickets. Tickets are available in the St. Richard Parish Office.

WARM THEIR HEARTS COAT DRIVE

Once again, there will be a winter coat drive for kids. It will benefit students within the local community. We are accepting all sizes for new or gently used coats, hats, and gloves. This collection will end on November 30th. A drop-off box has been placed in the vestibule of St. Richard and the Narthex of St. John XXIII. For more information, please see the flyer on the bulletin board.

THE AUTUMN OFFERING MAILING

Please confirm that your information on the census form is correct, make any necessary corrections, and return the form to the respective Parish Office. REMEMBER: if there are no corrections or updates, the form does not need to be returned.

BOYER'S KEY TAG PROGRAM REMINDER

Thank you to everyone who is continuing to participate in this ongoing fundraiser. Just have the cashier scan the key tag at checkout. Key fobs are located at both entrances.

HOME VISITATION AT ST. RICHARD

We are updating our Home Visitation/Communion Call List. If anyone would like to be added, please contact the Parish Office.

FROM THE DIOCESE OF ALLENTOWN

Many thanks to those who have already made a commitment to the *Because We Are Catholic Annual Appeal*. The participation of all our parish families makes it possible to serve those in need. Remember that every gift counts. Please make your gift today at www.BecauseWeAreCatholic.org.

MORE ATTEMPTS AT FRAUD

Over the past few weeks, someone has been impersonating Fr. Finlan and sending text messages and emails to parishioners from fake accounts/phone numbers pretending to be Fr. Finlan. None of these messages are legitimate. Fr. Finlan will never text or email requests for help or money or gift cards. If you do receive one of these fraudulent messages, just delete it and do not reply, but please let your respective Parish Office know.

